

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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Carlsbad participates in National Drug Take Back Day, partners with community

The City of Carlsbad Police Department, in partnership with the Scripps Health Care and the North County Prevention Coalition, will be participating in the national "Drug Take Back Day" this Saturday, Sept. 25. The event, organized by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), with the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), will take place in locations across the country.

In the City of Carlsbad, community members can drop off unused prescription and over-the-counter medications (no needles) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Scripps Coastal Medical Center Carlsbad, 2176 Salk Ave. Carlsbad police officers and volunteers will be on site to assist with the collection process. Representatives from Scripps and the North County Prevention Coalition will also be on site to distribute educational materials. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. All medications collected will be sealed in boxes and turned over to DEA for destruction.

Collection sites in every local community can be found by going to www.dea.gov.

Prescription drug abuse is a significant public health issue in our country. By participating in national "Drug Take Back Day", City of Carlsbad community members can make a positive impact to reduce drug use and its consequences.

